

INFORMATION FOR THE SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT OF FY 1955

The rate of production by the contributing agencies during the second quarter of FY 1955 increased substantially over the preceding quarter. While this resulted in only a slight increase in the percent fulfillment of the total commitment to 31 December 1954, due to higher requirements in the second quarter, the rate of production is higher than that of the preceding year for the same period. All contributors except Army report good prospects for substantial fulfillment of their total commitments for the year. Despite efforts by Army to bring its production in line with requirements present indications are that capabilities will permit accomplishment of only approximately 60% of its scheduled production for the year.

During the second quarter of FY '55, D/B continued to maintain the NIS workload on a current basis, and the workload at the Special Unit, GPO, was substantially reduced. However, GPO was not able to bring the volume of work to a normal operating level during this quarter because of difficulties resulting from curtailment of storage and bindery space. It is hoped that, with adjustment to reduction of available space, this workload will be brought to a near normal level by the end of the next quarter.

During this quarter a study was undertaken to determine whether utilization of newly developed techniques for the printing of the NIS Gazetteers would result in improvement in this important element with possible savings in production costs. Results of this study are expected shortly.

In collaboration with planning and fiscal officials of CIA examination was also undertaken of the financial support aspects of the NIS Program with a view to determining what budgetary arrangements might be feasible which would assure greater stability in the production capabilities of the contributing agencies. Recommendations resulting from this study are now under consideration by appropriate officials in CIA.

The NIS Committee is giving increasing emphasis to revision of published NIS under the maintenance program, and to the production of Chapters I (Brief). Coordination among the NIS participating agencies is excellent. There has been noticeable improvement in the NIS collection effort during the past six months.

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